

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Nolen S9443

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North Carolina Guilford County: Superior Court of Law October Term A.D. 1832

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October and year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of our said Court now sitting the same being a court of record Ezekiel Nolen a resident of the United States in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after mentioned (viz.)

That in the spring of 1776 in the month of April (he believes) he volunteered in Loudoun County Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Leonard Deakins<sup>1</sup>, Colonel Griffin, Lieut. Colonel Schawk and General Bell for six months and was marched to Philadelphia where he stayed 10 or 12 days – that he was taken by ship to New York and there joined the American Army under General Washington and (he believes) General Lee – that shortly after his arrival at New York the Americans were forced to leave the City – that he was then stationed at Kings Bridge not far from which place shortly after a part of the American and British armies engaged in which the British were fairly beaten that he was marched thence to the vicinity of the White Plains [October 28, 1776] where an action took place and many were killed on both sides – that he was marched with a part of General Washington's Army and under General Wan [Anthony Wayne?] over North River to a post near at Fort called Fort Lee (or Fort Constitution) leaving General Lee at North Castle – that he continued at the last Fort until after Fort Washington was taken that shortly after Fort Washington was taken [November 16, 1776] some of the British troops were brought over by Lord Cornwallis to take Fort Lee, which place General Washington immediately evacuated, leaving behind much baggage – that he retreated thence with General Washington through New Jersey, Delaware and into Pennsylvania to a place five miles from Philadelphia called (he believes) Chestnut Hill and was shortly after discharged by word and returned home to his native County Loudoun Virginia – that he arrived home a little before Christmas – said Applicant further states that when Arnold [Benedict Arnold] was committing his ravage in the lower part of Virginia in the summer of 1780 or 1781 (as he now thinks) he volunteered under Captain John Lucket [John Lockett] and marched in June or July from Loudoun County to Richmond – thence to Petersburg & thence to Suffolk – but that Arnold had left Suffolk just before they arrived – that he was marched on return up the River to Richmond and that he continued a few days in Richmond and was then marched through Williamsburg

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<sup>1</sup> An officer by this name is listed as having served in the "Maryland Flying Camp" under the command of Brigadier Genl. Rezin Beall, Col. Charles G. Griffin and Lt. Col. Henry Shryock.

home where he arrived in the fall after being from home (he now thinks) about three months – that in 1781 he again volunteered under Captain Craven and believes Colonel Alexander, that he was marched under these officers and joined the troops under General Washington, General Wayne and General Lafayette near York and was in the battle of Yorktown – that he was marched guarding prisoners thence to Winchester Virginia & Frederick in Maryland that he was marched home and dismissed in the last of November or first of December 1781 after being out as near as he can now recollect about 3 months – that from old age and decrepitude his memory has greatly failed him and that the facts stated above may not be precisely as he states but they are as he now believes them – that at the Battle at Kings Bridge he was slightly wounded in the leg the scar of which he still wears – that he was born in Loudoun County Virginia in 1760 as his parents informed him – that he moved to Guilford County North Carolina about forty years ago – where he has ever since resided except three years he lived in South Carolina that he knows of no one living in North Carolina who knows from their personal knowledge anything respecting his aforesaid services except his sister Katharine Irwin whose certificate is here with filed – that he is known to Jonathan Parker Esquire & William Adams Esquire who will and can testify to his character for respectability and truth – that he has no documentary evidence of his services that he hereby relinquishes his every Claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the year and date above written.

S/ Thomas Caldwell, Clk

S/ Ezekiel Nolen, X his mark

Ezekiel Nolen aforesaid as aforesaid further states that he is personally acquainted with only one minister of the Gospel Reverend Burch, who lives generally near him and who he believes could be willing to testify to his character for truth; but that he now is and has been for some time out from home preaching.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court

S/ Ezekiel Nolen, X his mark

[William Adams & Jonathan Parker & Robert Ryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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North Carolina Guilford County

Be it known that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D. 1832 appeared before me John A. Mebane an acting Justice for the County aforesaid Katharine Irwin of the County and State aforesaid and on her Oath makes the following affidavit (viz.) – that she was born in Loudoun County State of Virginia and is the sister of Ezekiel Nolen who she is informed intends making application this week to the Court of her County to receive a declaration to be filed by him to be placed on the United States pension list – that she moved about the year 1776 to North Carolina and left her older brother Ezekiel Nolen out in the service of his country and had been out for several months – that she moved in the Fall of the year – that he has for many years spend [spent] hours in her company telling her interesting incidents that occurred with him when on service and that she believes him to be a man of truth and to have spent much of his time in the service of his country in the Revolution – that she is now old and feeble and has with difficulty been this day brought out to court to make in open court the above statement – but cannot from the consequence of the judges being unable to hold Court – that she must of necessity return home this evening which is a considerable distance and to avoid being hauled to Court on another day of the term has concluded to swear to the above statement before an acting magistrate of her County

S/ Katharine Irwin, X her mark

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North Carolina Guilford County

Be it known that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Jonathan Parker an acting Justice in and for the County and State aforesaid Ezekiel Nolen named in the preceding declaration who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit by way of amendment to his preceding declaration, to wit, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 12 months a private volunteer, and for this service he claims a pension. The same difficulty still exist as to the obtaining of the Certificate of a preacher.

Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Ezekiel Nolen, X his mark

[There is a note in this file that the veteran died August 4, 1834]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Pennsylvania & Virginia service [sic, Maryland and Virginia].]